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Chairman William Kennard Federal Communications Commission The Portals 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Kennard,

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The purpose of this letter is to express my full support to you and the other commission members in the issue of...low power fm radio. This will not destroy the industry, as some have put it, but will open many doors of opportunity for minority, and hard working people that have devoted their life to broadcasting but never had the chance of ownership in serving their community.

First, as a 37 year old woman thats works in the industry (not as an owner), my husband and I have put nearly two decades of hard work in this business but always for someone else. I've never felt anyone owed me anything more than a chance. To offer LPFM licenses will level some playing fields and give more hard working people, usually the pure backbone of a broadcast company, a chance to serve its community as owners.

The combine station/radio empires is killing small broadcasters and potential new entrants and making it much more difficult to enter the broadcast industry and survive as an independent operator. Any American taxpaying citizen that loves this business should have the chance to enter. LPFM licenses will open the window for many that deserve a chance.

Creating minority opportunities is something that should be at the top of the list in every industry. As a minority, and a worker who proudly serves in the broadcast field, I ask you to please, go forward...full speed ahead with LPFM!

I will be up front. I will file for a LP1000 station license. Here is one example why LPFM is needed; The community in which I will file has no radio station. In fact, the entire county in this area has no radio broadcast station AM or FM. It is served only by the big empires 50 to 75 miles away, yet this area is a very large tourist attraction. It needs its own community station! LPFM will fit that need and open the door to yet another new minority applicant for ownership.

In closing, here are my brief thoughts on the issue:

1. LPFM should be commercial.

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2. LPFM should be able to serve its community base both in public service and advertising.

- 3. LPFM should have primary status against FM translators.
- 4. Translators should protect LPFM.
- 5. Translators and boosters should be allowed to be used with LPFM just like any other station on the FM band.
- 6. I agree with the FCC, LP radio should say off the AM band completely.

Again, this is a great idea and a good solution to a lot of problems. Please go forward asap. I support you 100%! Thank you for the consideration.

Most Sincerely.

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